



PATENT

Customer No. 22,852

Attorney Docket No. 1197-228

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Jinichiro Kato et al.) Group Art Unit: 1774
Application No.: 10/082,219) Examiner: Newton O. Edwards
Filed: February 26, 2002)
For: Polyketone Fiber and Process for)
Producing the Same)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Enclosed is a reply to the Office Action of December 31, 2002. The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for a one month(s) extension of time to respond to the above Office Action. The fee of \$110.00 for the Extension is enclosed.

The claims are calculated below:

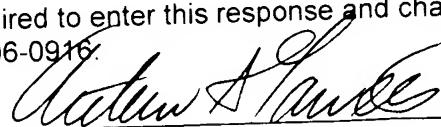
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A fee of \$____ to cover the cost of the additional claims added by this reply is enclosed.
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Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action of December 31, 2002, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 10, and 16-17, as follows:

10. (Amended) A polyketone solution according to claim 8, wherein the solution contains 0.1-60% by weight of a salt which dissolves in an amount of not less than 1% by weight in water of 50°C in addition to the metal salt.

16. (Amended) A process for producing polyketone fibers which comprises heating the polyketone solution of claim 7 to a temperature higher than the phase separation temperature, then extruding the polyketone solution into a coagulating bath having a temperature lower than the phase separation temperature to form a fibrous

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